

ABOUT THIRTY FEET

Will be the Top Notch of the Rise in the River Here. SOME ANXIETY WAS FELT

Yesterday When the River was Rising Three and Four Inches an Hour, but the Welcome News that the Stream was Falling at Pittsburgh "Restored Confidence"—Thirty Feet Will not Inconvenience Anybody.

The prediction in yesterday's Intelligencer that the Ohio would reach a stage on the present rise ranging from thirty to thirty-five feet, was received with surprise in this community, and in some quarters it was almost discredited, owing to the fact that there had been no previous warning. Last night at midnight, the marks showed 28 feet and still rising, and it is believed the thirty-foot mark will be reached this morning before the rise is checked. Certainly not much more than thirty feet will be had.

Throughout the day, Captain Crookard and the wharfbait attaches were besieged with anxious inquirers, both in person and by telephone, who expressed their fears that a forty-foot stage would be had. Such a report had become generally circulated through the city and caused a great deal of needless alarm. To all inquirers, Captain Crookard said that the river would reach a stage between thirty and thirty-two feet on the rise, though more water might come in the event that all the little side streams not heard from put out strongly.

The morning report from Pittsburgh was encouraging. Although there was 21.2 feet at Pittsburgh and still rising, the several points along the two head-water streams all reported the water falling, so it was known that the top-notch at Pittsburgh was nearly reached. In the afternoon, Commodore Henderson telephoned Captain Crookard that the river was falling at Pittsburgh. This information was received with satisfaction. Thirty feet of water here will not inconvenience anybody. Thirty-three feet would have entered some of the cellars in the main street wholesale district and houses on the low lying ground in the lower part of the city. Residents in the southern end of the city and in upper Benwood were prepared for the worst, but none of them will likely have to move out.

Captain Crookard received several inquiries from down-the-river points, including Sistersville and New Martinsville, and when he stated that not exceeding thirty-two feet would be had here, relief was expressed by the inquirers who had called up over the long distance telephone.

About the only people inconvenienced by the high water were the patrons of the Wilson yacht ferry line, whose landing at the upper end of the wharf was shut off early in the evening.

Owing to the floods in the lower valley, the Ohio River railroad shut off the sale of tickets to points below Point Pleasant yesterday. This included Gallipolis Ferry, Glenwood, Guyardotte, Huntington and Kenova. It is supposed the line will be open again to-day.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. Parkersburg, BEN HUR, 9 p. m. Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Clarington, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m. BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY. Cincinnati, KEYSTONE STATE, 8 a. m. Pittsburgh, QUEEN CITY, 5 a. m. Cincinnati, H. K. BEDFORD, 11 a. m. Matamoras, LEXINGTON, 11 a. m. Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Clarington, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m. BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY. Charleston, KANAWHA, 6:30 a. m. Pittsburgh, BEN HUR, 9 p. m. Clarington, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

Along the Landing. The marks at 6 p. m. showed 25 feet 4 inches and rising. Weather, clear and warmer. Last night there was a drop in the temperature, accompanied by a light fall of snow.

The Keystone State will be late this morning in clearing for Cincinnati. She did not get away from Pittsburgh until midnight last night, owing to having been delayed by fog on the up-trip.

Tow-boat movements yesterday were as follows: Up with empties—Volunteer, 9 a. m. Down with coal—Adelle, 10 a. m.; Tornado, 11 a. m.; Pacific, 2 p. m.

The Queen City will be up this morning for Pittsburgh. She is bringing a nice trip of freight and people from the lower river.

The top-notch of the March flood of 1888 was reached at 6 p. m., March 21, with 44 feet 7 inches on the marks.

Rivers and Harbors Bill.

The section of the rivers and harbors bill just passed by Congress of most interest in this section, is the one making the appropriation for the building of the locks and dam just below this port. It is as follows:

Improving Ohio river: Continuing improvement at dam numbered thirteen, (Wheeling), fifty thousand dollars, to be used for the local survey, acquisition of site and commencement of construction of said dam in accordance with the report of Major W. H. Bixby, of December 28, 1898. Provided, That a contract or contracts may be entered into by the secretary of war for such materials and work as may be necessary to complete said improvement, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be made by law, not to exceed in the aggregate eight hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of the amount herein appropriated.

A similar section follows in the bill, providing for the locks and dam at Marietta.

River Telegrams.

OIL CITY—River 6 feet 5 inches and falling. Cold and snowing. GREENSBORO—River 15 feet 6 inches and falling. Snowy and cold. WARREN—River 6 feet. Fair and mild.

MORGANTOWN—River 18 feet 6 inches and falling. Cloudy.

BROWNSVILLE—River 21 feet 9 inches and falling.

PITTSBURGH—River 19.6 feet and falling. Snowing and chilly.

STUBENVILLE—River 25 feet 9 inches and rising. Cloudy and cold.

PARKERSBURG—Ohio river 20 feet 8 inches and rising. Snowing, high winds and temperature 22. Up: Queen City, Avalon. Down: Sun. The Little Kanawha is out of the bank, and rising.

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BRIEF MENTIONINGS.

Events in and About the City Given in a Nutshell.

Grand to-night—Daniel R. Ryan's company.

The Orpheus Male Chorus will give its second annual concert, March 21, at the Opera House. Outside talent will assist the organization.

Judge Paull opens a term of the Marshall county circuit court to-day at Mountsville. Judge Hervey is holding a term of the Brooke county circuit court at Weilsburg.

Yesterday, many depositions were made with Judge Paull in the Hilsom case. Ugly and nasty allegations are made on both sides, utterly unfit for publication. The judge has taken the motion for the young physician's release under consideration.

The over-the-river factories that use gas for fuel were compelled to close down yesterday morning, owing to the low pressure, caused by a break in the pipes near Cameron. Domestic consumers also suffered until late in the afternoon, when the gas again reached its normal pressure.

Abraham Dean, a son of Samuel Dean, of West street, North Wheeling, was thrown from a race horse, at the corner of Sixteenth and McCulloch streets yesterday afternoon, and received serious injuries to his head. He was taken to his home, and received the attention of Dr. Armbruster. His condition is serious.

A splotch case was heard at the county jail last night by Squire Allen. The defendants were Mrs. May Booher and Bert Francis, and the plaintiff, George Booher, who made sensational allegations regarding his wife and Francis. Francis was arrested yesterday by Officer Meyer. The defendants were each sentenced to a fine of \$20 and costs and twenty days in jail.

Mrs. Evans, formerly proprietor of the "White Inn," in Bridgeport, now owner of a saloon in Cambridge, returned to her home, in West Bridgeport, yesterday, and discovered that her house had been entered by thieves and valuables stolen. Bellaire crooks are suspected. The Bridgeport police were notified. Arrests will likely be made within a day or two.

John Holt died yesterday afternoon at his home, on Eighteenth street, aged twenty-four years. He was formerly a clerk in the Wheeling postoffice, and a messenger at the "Commercial Bank." He was a Union veteran and a member of the G. A. R. Mr. Holt came to America from England in his youth. A few years ago he returned to England, but later came back to Wheeling, where he has since lived in retirement.

The month of February was an unusually busy one at the City hospital, some interesting details being noted in the monthly report submitted by the superintendent, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, yesterday, at the meeting of the executive board. Forty-five patients were treated in February, of whom only thirteen were charity cases. This record is the best for a corresponding period in the hospital's history.

The death occurred at 1 o'clock this morning, of Max Lang, the stone contractor, at his residence, 1408 Chapline street, of consumption. He returned a week ago from a trip south for his health, which, however, proved of little avail. The deceased leaves a wife, formerly Miss Molly Allain, of New Orleans. He was a son of Mrs. Margaret Lang. The funeral arrangements will be completed to-day.

Yesterday, in the circuit clerk's office, the papers in the suit of the West Virginia Loan Company, James B. McKee, Alfred Paull, George Hook, J. G. Hearne and J. T. Carter vs. Mary L. McLeichen and some 350 other stockholders of the company, were filed. The

sheriff and deputies were kept busy serving summonses on the defendants. There are more defendants in this suit than in any other suit ever figuring in the local courts, not even excepting any of the Paige-Carey suits.

PAYING THE MONEY.

Stockholders of the Bellaire Steel Company Receiving Their Cash for Current Profits and for the Sale of Their Stock.

A. B. Carter, the secretary and treasurer of the Bellaire Steel company, who held the option on all the stock in that plant to consummate the deal with the National Steel company, yesterday issued checks to all the stockholders for the dividend of 24 1/2 per cent. declared by the board of directors out of the earnings and other proceeds accruing since the option was taken in January, and gave notice to all shareholders to call at the First National bank, present their receipts for certificates and receive their cash or part stock if they elected to take stock, at the rate of \$266 66 for each \$100 of stock sold to the new company.

This is the end of this deal and henceforth the Bellaire steel plant is one of the mills of the National Steel company. It is the first mill fully dealt for in this section. The Aetna-Standard deal will be closed this week and probably paid for next week.

In this connection it may be proper to relate that down at Bellaire a little over a year ago some of the men who held stock in the Bellaire Steel company, and who were filled with a fear growing out of troubles that had prevailed, became so impressed with the situation that they feared the mill would go to the demolition bow-wows, and lest an assessment might be made upon them to pay the bonds that were issued for the improvements in that thoroughly modern plant they transferred their property to their wives to escape responsibility if the awful should happen. How times have changed in two short years. These same persons are now independent for the balance of their natural lives, and instead of any fear as to the success of the Bellaire mill it is universally recognized as one of the best in the country—smaller than some others, but better equipped than ninety-five per cent. of the mills of like character. This would seem to be a guarantee that it is one of the plants that will be operated right along.

AMUSEMENTS.

There is a pretty story in "Joe Hurst, Gentleman," the play in which Digby Bell will be seen at the Opera House Wednesday night. There is tenderness and true poetic feeling in the motive that prompts Joe Hurst to have his little daughter "brought up" as a lady. He sends her to a fashionable boarding school in Paris, where she grows to womanhood without ever having seen her father. Joe has never had a picture taken, and the letters she received from him were couched in such exquisite English, being written by Sir Arthur Bradwardine, whose life Joe had saved, that it is small wonder that she should paint him in her imagination as all that is elegant and cultured, and mistake the real Joe for a servant when she returns to London. The enormity of his mistake is brought home in one crushing blow, and he blames himself for it later messenger at the "Commercial Bank." He was a Union veteran and a member of the G. A. R. Mr. Holt came to America from England in his youth. A few years ago he returned to England, but later came back to Wheeling, where he has since lived in retirement.

A CROWDED HOUSE.

The Daniel R. Ryan stock company opened an engagement of a week at popular prices, at the Grand Opera House last night. Standing room was at a premium when the curtain arose on the first act of "Wife for Wife," and the interest of the audience was never permitted to lag. The intensely dramatic situations in which the play abounds, reached a thrilling climax in the third act, when Mr. Ryan and Mr. Keane presented a very realistic duel scene. The production was more than satisfactory, and will cause many who witnessed it to return during the week. The company is capable and well-balanced. Mr. Ryan possesses all the physical requirements of a star of the first magnitude, and his conception and action of his roles is really excellent. The leading lady, Miss Ethel Feller, is known to be one of the best in repertoire. The specialties are far above the average. Last night they were repeatedly encored. The company offers repertoire of royalty plays, seldom attempted at popular prices. "The Lost Paradise" will be the bill for to-night; "From Sire

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New Flesh, New Vigor and New Hope.

When a physician discovers, studies or classifies a disease, his name is given to it by his fellow men. They think that in this way they pay him a compliment, although the discoverer need not have found a cure for the disease. Dr. Richard Bright, an Englishman, is condemned to a sad immortality which associates his name with a terrible disorder of the kidneys. Bright's disease appears in several forms, it springs from several causes, and the older works on medicines positively declare it to be incurable.

To say that a man has Bright's disease was once considered equivalent to saying that he stood in the valley of the shadow of death. The end was only a question of time. But that was before Warner's Safe Cure had spread its benefits over the land. The story of C. H. Lincoln, of Medford, Mass., shows how this wonderful medicine raised a man from his sick bed, even when his closest friends believed they were hoping against hope.

Mr. Lincoln says: "I had typhoid fever, and after it came kidney trouble. I tried a dozen doctors, and still grew worse. After taking doctor's medicine enough to sink a ship, I heard it whispered around that I had Bright's disease of the kidneys. I knew what that meant, so I pitched the medicine I had outdoors. I then bought one bottle of Warner's Safe Cure, and took it according to directions. The first bottle gave me relief, and I bought a second. Before that was gone I had gained nearly ten pounds. I continued taking Safe Cure, and it cured me.

"I am fifty-nine years old, and enjoy as good health as any man of my age. If anyone has kidney trouble, and Warner's Safe Cure will not cure him, nothing this side of the grave will. I believe it is the best and only cure for kidney disease on earth."

Mr. Lincoln is a veteran fireman, with a wide acquaintance in Medford, unconsciously he makes a valuable suggestion to sufferers from kidney disease. Do not wait until you have taken "medicine enough to sink a ship." Maybe in the course of your investigations you will light on a good remedy you never heard of before. But the probabilities are against it.

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Will Not be Responsible. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—The Associated Press is authorized to state that under no conditions will the government of the United States consent to recognize in any manner any financial obligations issued by the so-called assembly of the Cuban army, now in session near Havana. Should this body see fit to authorize the issue of any bonds for any purpose the government of the United States will not be led into guaranteeing them and they must stand on their own resources in that matter.

Had it in for the Baron. CHICAGO, March 6.—Testimony was given to-day in the Von Biedenfeld murder trial tending to show that Constable Charles McDonald, who was killed by Baron Von Biedenfeld, had, on many occasions, threatened to kill the baron, and that McDonald's revolver contained hollow bullets, full of poison, expressly intended for the German nobleman. Five witnesses told the jury that McDonald had vowed to shoot the baron. The cross examining attacks of the prosecution failed to shake the evidence.

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A BRUTE'S CRIME.

Murdered His Wife and Four Children, Because she "Kept Nagging Him."

EMPORIA, Kas., March 6.—John Gilbert, in his cell, in the county jail, to-day confessed to brutally murdering his wife and four children, near Enterprise, Kansas, on last Tuesday. Gilbert, for whom a reward has been offered, was arrested here yesterday. He feigned not to know of the crime, and to-day at first shammed insanity. Finally, hard pressed by Sheriff O'Connor, Gilbert confessed the terrible crime, going into details.

Gilbert said he was badly in debt, and had been trying to ladey Enterprise for a long time. He could not take his family, he said, and offered his wife a divorce. "She kept nagging me about the children," said Gilbert, "and throwing them up to me. I told my wife if she would give me ten dollars I would leave, and never bother her any more. During the night I got up and went out into the yard. Coming back I picked up the hammer and hit the baby in the head. My wife ran into the room and was going over to the neighbors. I ran after her and caught her. She said she'd come back if I would behave, and I thought I would go. But when we got in, why the baby was thrashing about on the bed, and when I saw it I couldn't hold myself, but hit my wife on the head, and pounded her until she couldn't move and then killed the children. When asked why he did it, Gilbert said: "I don't know. It seemed like I just couldn't help it after seeing the baby there on the bed."

Killed by the Cars. LANCASTER, Pa., March 6.—Marion J. Diffenderfer, aged twenty-two years, track repairman on the Pennsylvania railroad, was struck by the express, at Dillerville, this morning, while crossing the track. His left arm, right leg and four ribs were broken, and he was also injured internally. He died at 10 o'clock. His home is in Clark county, Virginia. Diffenderfer comes from a good family, and was employed on the railroad for the purpose of learning the railroad business from the bottom up. Among the papers found on his person was the last message written by General Stonewall Jackson. It was directed to Diffenderfer's grandfather, who was an officer in the Confederate army.

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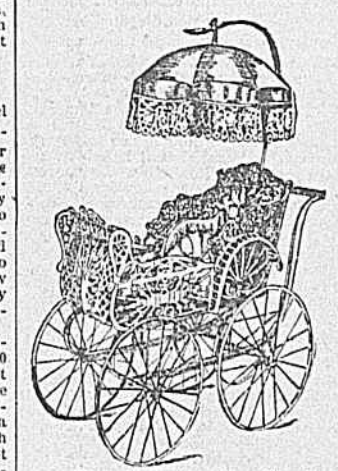
AN INNOVATION

In Sleeping Car Service Introduced by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Commencing Monday, February 11, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will introduce a new feature in its sleeping car service, between Baltimore and Newark, Ohio, inaugurating what will be known as the "Ordinary" sleeping cars, in addition to the regular standard sleeping cars. One of these cars will be attached to Train No. 7, leaving Baltimore at 7:00 p. m. and arriving in Newark at 10:22 a. m. next day, returning on Train No. 8, leaving Newark at 8:30 p. m. and arriving in Baltimore at 12:55 p. m. next day. The Baltimore & Ohio railroad is the first line to introduce this service in the eastern territory for special accommodation of the traveling public. In these "Ordinary" sleepers the Pullman rate is reduced one-half, so that passengers have the choice of paying the higher Pullman rate and occupying standard car or take advantage of the cheaper rate, and occupy the "Ordinary" sleepers. These cars are new, have been especially constructed for this service, and differ from the standard sleeping cars only in being less elaborately furnished. The seats are upholstered in raton, and the sleeping berths, when made up, have all the comforts and conveniences of the standard cars. Tickets will be on sale at regular Pullman ticket offices handling business between these cities.

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